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Comments on December 9, 2011 version of Puget Sound Partnership's Draft Action Agenda

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the December 9, 2011 version of the Puget Sound Partnership's Draft Action Agenda.

1. Areas of Strength. Puget Sound Regional Council staff commends the Partnership for pulling together a thorough document that illustrates the variety of federal, state, regional, county, local, public and private actions necessary to restoring Puget Sound. The draft contains a number of strong elements, including the following:

- The indicators and recovery targets are helpful in providing definition to the broader goal statements.
- The Guiding Principles on page 19 provide a useful framework for developing priorities.
- The Strategic Initiatives listed on page 22 will be important for maintaining public and legislative support and momentum. This includes prioritization of on-going programs, as described on the bottom of page 22.

2. Potential Improvements to the Document. The size, tone, and technical nature of the document presented challenges in our review. There were many technical terms and acronyms and not all are found in the technical appendices (for example the document's initial three acronyms on page 3), the figures either have incomplete or no titles (for example, the table on page 6 and diagram on page 24), and some items are not very legible (for example, the logic model/result chain diagrams).

3. Role of the Puget Sound Regional Council. PSRC is listed in the draft Action Agenda in relationship to C2.3 NTA 1, on pages 188 and 495, the Near Term Action to complete a Transportation Stormwater Retrofit Program for the central Puget Sound. This work is critical to the restoration of Puget Sound but has not been adequately funded and there is no current timetable for the work. The Action Agenda should reflect an up-to-date set of expectations with regard to both funding and timing. It would be unfortunate for expectations to be raised of PSRC that do not also reflect the priorities of the entities that control the funding sources needed to accomplish this important work.

4. PSRC's Continued Participation. PSRC supports the mission and goals of the Puget Sound Partnership and recognizes the scale of the challenge it faces in restoring Puget Sound. PSRC will continue to participate in the process through the South Central Action Area Caucus Group. The caucus group must be supported as an entity of the Partnership, rather than a stand-alone group, with Partnership staff continuing to play a lead role.

Thank you.

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